

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 741890-20
	In re Application of Martin CALDWELL et al.	
	Application Number 09/936,841	Filed March 1, 2002
	For A SURGICAL ACCESS DEVICE	
	Art Unit 3731	Examiner Michael Thaler

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ <u>950.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Four month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Five month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$ _____

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$ 475.00.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. 04/02/2004 SSESHE1 00000081 192380 09936841

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The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-2380 (741890-20).

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

attorney or agent of record.

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Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____.

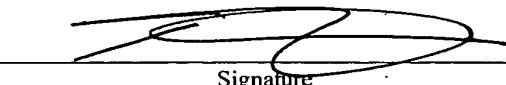
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April 1, 2004

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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